

Minutes – Joint Meeting

Security Committee- Hollywood Entertainment District, Sunset and Vine BID

April 9, 2009

Attendance: HED Committee Members Present: John Tronson, Chairperson, Thaddeus Smith, Shawn Ingram, Hilary Royce, Carol Massie, Stephanie Houfek. Not Present: Dan Chismire. SVBID Committee Members Present: Nick Spampinato, Chairperson; Brian Folb, Richard Falzone. Not Present: Travis Serpa, Fabio Conti, Fred Rosenthal. Liaisons: Captain Art Miller, Beatrice Girmala, Sgt. Darrel Davis, Steve Seyler, Bill Farrar and Joe Salazar, Andrews International; Larry Webster and Will Rivera, LA City Attorney's Office; Deputy Jerry Hankerson, LA County Sheriff; Helen Leung, CD-13. Staff: Kerry Morrison, Joe Mariani, Hollywood Property Owners Alliance.

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairpersons John Tronson and Nick Spampinato at 10:10 A.M.

II. Public Comment: None.

III. Reports

- A. Report from LAPD: Captain Art Miller reported on crime trends in the Hollywood area. He also reported on a CPAB Nightclub Committee meeting that had been held the day before at the Director's Guild.
- B. Report from City Attorney/Neighborhood Prosecutor: Will Rivera briefed the committee on some research he had conducted as a result of some complaints about the tour busses and tour operators in the Hollywood. He shared some tools available to law enforcement: to check compliance of the vehicles with the vehicle code and to check for business tax registration. Rivera indicated that CD-13 has assigned Sarah Dussault to work on this issue, and she will be checking with the Office of Finance to see if there is a way to do an investigation to check business license tax compliance.
- C. Report from Andrews International: Steve Seyler reported on trends for March, and particularly on the experience with late night deployment. After attempting to deploy a night shift (until midnite on weekends since the start of the year) it was recommended that this with neither the best use of the officers' time, since it is so hard to physically navigate through traffic on weekend nights; nor a low-risk activity, given the nature of incidents that occur after about 10 p.m. These are public safety problems best left to LAPD. The schedule will be reworked to eliminate the midnite deployment, and to stretch the dollars to later deployment (e.g., 8 - 10 p.m.) for the remainder of the year.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Homeless Connect Day: It was reported that Connect Day will be June 25, 2009 and will, again, be held at the Music Box @ Fonda.

B. Hollywood Police Support Association: A letter was included in the meeting packet, from the HPSA, asking for community contributions to spruce up the Hollywood Station in preparation for their upcoming inspection on May 7. It was reported that HPSA was trying to raise \$15,000 for tree trimming, debris removal, irrigation repair and new shrub planting.

V NEW BUSINESS

A. Meeting with LA Film School: Joe Mariani